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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is in response to a Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2010. This response is being submitted on or before July 18, 2010, thereby making this a timely response.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due. Nonetheless, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees which may be required, including extension fees and excess claims fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 (Our Order No.46998.021; Our Docket No.: 186257/US).

Please amend the application as follows:

**Listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.